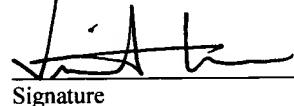




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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Dennis Mendiola et al.)
Application No: 09/846,377)
Filing Date: 05/02/2001)
For: *Method and System for Inviting and*)
Creating Accounts for Prospective)
Users of an Instant Messaging System))
Customer No.: 24943

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2005, hereinafter, "the Office Action." Accompanying this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Application is believed by Applicant to be in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remark/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.